

GEORGIA TECH HAS BEST CLAIM ON DIXIE CROWN

Feat of Laying Low Centre College and Auburn Plainsmen and Having Clean Slate Throughout Season Is Unequaled Among Southern Elevens.

By BOB FIGUE.

The Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech is entitled to the lion's share of the laurel for accomplishments during the football season of 1922, which came to a glorious close Thanksgiving day. The Georgians finished the year with a clean slate, a fitting climax to a wonderful season being their overwhelming 34 to 0 victory over the Auburn Plainsmen, reputed one of the greatest elevens in Sunland this season.

The Golden Tornado met the wonder eleven of Danville, Ky., Centre college, and came away with a victory over the Praying Colonels from the dark and bloody ground. No other Southern eleven was able to take the measure of the Kentuckians, and even the great Crimson machine at Harvard found it a difficult matter to stem the tide that Ro McMillan, Buck Weaver and Red Roberts set up against them. Harvard defeated Centre, but not by the margin that the Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech was able to accomplish their downfall. The Harvard-Centre score was 34 to 14 while Centre could not even score on the Yellow-jackets, and went down by a score of 26 to 0.

HAD A GREAT YEAR.

The Georgians had a wonderful season from start to finish, and only in one game were they beaten, that against Glenn Warren's Panthers, and the loss of this game does not go against their Southern record. The Pitt outfit is out of the Golden Tornado's class, while Georgia Tech showed that they were out of the class of anything below the Mason and Dixon's line by beating all comers.

There were three other Southern teams that went through the year without a defeat, one of which was the Tulane university team, of New Orleans, which swept all opposition and came out with a clean slate. However, Tulane did not meet either Centre or Auburn, both considered as strong as Georgia Tech. Tulane met some strong opposition, however, Tulane won over Louisiana State Thursday by the score of 21 to 0.

Georgia came through without a defeat this season, winding up their successful year with a 65 to 0 win over Clemson. They have figured easily over the Clemson-Spartans and the hope ran true to form in this instance.

The remaining Southern eleven to go through the year without having been dropped by an opponent was the Virginia Military Institute, which brought their 1922 year to a close Thanksgiving afternoon by dealing out a 24 to 7 defeat to Virginia Poly. The game was played at Roanoke.

The four teams that came through the year without having sustained a defeat were:

Georgia Tech.

Tulane.

Virginia Military Institute.

AUBURN SHOWED WELL.

The Auburn Plainsmen, who were battered into submission by the Georgia Tech Golden Tornado Thursday in Atlanta, had a good season, losing but two games. Prior to their defeat by Georgia Tech, the Plainsmen won over them by the margin of one touchdown and a goal after touchdown. The Plainsmen were held scoreless in that game, which proved one of the biggest surprises of the year, as it had been broadly predicted by every football expert and player in Dixie that the Plainsmen would have an easy time defeating the Georgians.

But the hope went awry and Georgia won. The two Georgia teams, Georgia and Georgia Tech, were the only elevens that could check the fast Traversing Plainsmen, touted as one of the strongest machines in Sunland.

The Vanderbilt Commodores brought their season to a close by winning over their ancient enemies from the mountain, the Sewanee Tigers.

Sewanee wins one game every few years, and this was one of the years that the Tiger was to go back to his lair in the mountain with considerable cuticle missing, and he did this little thing for the Commodores defeated the Sewanee outfit by the decisive score of 21 to 3. Only one dropkick was the sum-total scoring. The Purple could accomplish while the Gold and Black machine of Dan McGuffin ran roughshod over the purple-jerseyed horde from the mountain.

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Attaboy!

By Coyle Shea

GAMBLING.

Gambling and blindness are closely allied; the one precedes the other. Gambling is a great aid to blindness. Nothing is half so powerful, is it any wonder then that considerable comment followed the decision last Monday night of Billy Haack, who awarded Gene Martinielli a verdict over Kid Roth, in their eight-round skit at the Southern A. C.?

Money is life to the average American. His one ambition is to obtain it in huge kobs and once attained he cares no more for the well-known buck than he does for his right eye. Consequently when he lays down the coin of the realm upon one fighter he is so intensely wrapped up in the performance of his entry that he fails to see the other in action. The result? He gets a cramped, shriveled, half-baked and skeletonized idea of what is happening. In even simpler words he sees 50 per cent of the battle. He watches his standard-bearer swing and duck; jab and cross. But that is all. He doesn't see John H. Opposition crossing with a deadly right, landing with a powerful hook, and a defense with a rattling attack that can not be checked.

This is no idle chatter either. It is nothing more than a repetition of an oft-told story, so brimful of truth and common sense as to be accepted before the highest courts in the land.

THE EVIDENCE.

In the Martinielli-Roth affair there could have been no other decision. A draw verdict would have been robbery.

Here is what happened: For the first four rounds Roth led by a slight margin and in the next four was dead on his feet on three separate and distinct occasions. He was saved by the bell once and was leg and arm weary twice again from crashing rights to the point of the jaw. At the finish he was carrying two discolored lamps, a deep cut and a badly swollen pair of lips. Martinielli was unmarked.

In other words, while we grant that Roth established an early lead he failed to make it impressive and he left no traces of his own attack. Against this Martinielli all but put Roth out of commission and spotted him in the manner of a well-developed leopard.

After it was over a fan stopped up to Haack to opine: "Billy, I thought Roth should have had a draw." "How much did you bet?" "Twenty-five dollars." "There's your answer," replied Haack. "You saw \$25 worth of Roth and minus \$25 worth of Martinielli." And so it goes.

HAACK PAYS.

Over-anxiety to please spectators at a Sunday workout worked with reverse english for Billy Haack some years ago. At that time Doc Fowler had just fallen out with his featherweight, Monk Fowler, and had ended diplomatic relations with Tickle Sanders. In an effort to recoup past losses Doc wired to Brooklyn and friends (?) sent down Willie Rothwell and labeled him a bear. He looked the part.

Willie was preceded by vast quantities of descriptive matter, detailing

his past accomplishments and his future prospects. He carried two tin ears, a misplaced nose and a battered countenance, prima facie evidence of terrible battles. One look and you knew he had never escaped a punch.

But that Sunday afternoon, with a big crowd inspecting the invader Willie lunged and loaded about the ring with as much animation as a dying oak.

"Tell that bird to speed it up," then Haack cautioned Fowler.

"He won't listen," opined the Doc. "I can't make him work."

HAACK TAKES HAND.

At this point Haack decided to take a hand.

"Get in there and box," growled the promoter. "Whaddaya want to do—ruin the house?"

"If you don't like de way I'm working, get in here yourself."

Oh, oh! Tossing a remark like that to Haack was nothing more than lighting a fuse. In three minutes Billy had ducked his street attire and was in the ring, prepared for battle.

Only one punch was offered but it stuck the tough egg on his chin and down he went. Broken jaw was the verdict of the doctor. The bout was canceled, Haack was stung for railroad fare and expenses and Fowler was minus one more performer.

ONE ON "SLICK."

This other story brings out that demon announcer, "Slick" Helmann, in a queer and quaint change of tune. It was about 1913, but even then Slick was fumbling his speeches. Most of all he was a partner of Haack in operating the rank A. C., now the Southern A. C.

At that same time Jack Dillon was greatest favorite of them all, a man-slayer in every sense of the word. But on this night in question it was bitter cold and the crowd was regrettably slim.

At 8 o'clock as many as 25 fans had passed through the doors when "Slick" dashed into the office with this remark:

"We can't put on the show, Billy!" "And, why not?" questioned Haack, with visions of a lost fighter or an injured star at least.

"Nobody's in the house. And we'll lose a wad of dough."

"Don't worry, the show goes on." At 8:15 Slick returned with the same old story and got in return the same answer. At 8:30 Haack told him the show was ready to start and the club must accept its loss.

"We'll lose heavily," moaned Helmann. "We can't help it," sighed Haack. But here is what happened: When Helmann stepped in for the opening

announcement he prefaced his stereotyped chortle with:

"Gentlemen, this is an awfully small crowd for so expensive a card and the club will lose extensively but WED PUT ON THIS FIGHT IF ONLY TWO PEOPLE WERE IN THE HOUSE."

ARKANSAS HOLDS RICE.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 24.—Arkansas university sprung a surprise here yesterday and held Rice institute nothing to nothing in one of the bitterest football games ever played here. L. J. Williams and McGill made a wonderful showing for Arkansas while Eddie Dyer and Kennedy starred for Rice.

Both teams resorted to straight football practically throughout. Since Rice was defeated by Texas university this gives the Longhorns undisputed right to the Southwestern conference title.

VOLS BEAT KENTUCKY.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Coming from behind after Kentucky had scored in the first period on an intercepted pass and an 80-yard run by William Tennessee took a hard fought 14 to 7 game from the Wild Cats yesterday in the final engagement of the season. The Volunteers registered in the third period on a 30-yard pass over the goal line and again in the final quarter on a 30-yard end run by Smith, substitute quarterback.

Read News Scimitar Wants.

PENN BEATS CORNELL.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—The University of Pennsylvania football team overwhelmingly defeated the Cornell university eleven here yesterday by 28 to 0. No little credit for the Red and Blue victory must be given to Quarterback Wray, whose dashing attack was an outstanding feature of the game.

The Red and Blue attempted ten forward passes with half of them successful for a total of 64 yards. Cornell only tried the aerial attack on three occasions. One was grounded and Straus intercepted the other two. While Hill outkicked Mayer, and three blocked kicks were charged against the Cornell kicker, two of which Penn recovered, Pennsylvania was penalized six times for offside for a loss of 30 yards, while Cornell was not penalized at all.

REEVES BEATS ROMAN.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 25.—Jack Reeves, San Francisco, won the newspaper decision over Paul Roman, Kansas City, Mo., here last night in a 12-round bout. Reeves won nine rounds, Roman one and two were even. They are middleweights.

WINTER RACING STARTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 25.—Winter racing started yesterday at the Shrewsbury track with a record crowd in attendance. War Mank, with Jockey Buxton up won the feature race the Thanksgiving handicap, one mile.

BEECHER BEATS BRANDT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Charlie Beecher, of New York, received the judge's decision in a 12-round bout with "Dutch" Brandt, of Brooklyn, here yesterday. Brandt, substituted for Earl Furryear, of Tulsa, Okla., who failed to appear, weighed 132, and Beecher 120 pounds.

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Memphis University school won the city championship and had a clean slate, not losing a game during the year.

Central High school lost three games, two to foreign foes, and the Thanksgiving day struggle to M. U. S.

Tech High school was defeated by both Central High and M. U. S., but had a good team and put up some hard battles.

The University of Tennessee Denials lost two games this season, being defeated by Tech High and Memphis University school.

The attendance was fine all season and interest was at fever heat all the year.

Ty Cobb Boomed

Out Of Park By Indignant Fans

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 25.—Ty Cobb was boomed out of the ball park by indignant fans who came to see him play here, when he quit the game yesterday at the end of the sixth inning after an argument over an empty ball. The umpire and the San Jose team refused to take the ball to which he objected out of the game. He declined to go to bat and left the park. Cobb's All-Stars were defeated 7 to 2.

Clarksdale Wants

Yanks To Train

In Their City

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Nov. 24.—E. L. Terry, of the local chamber of commerce, has invited Ed Barrow, business manager of the New York American League Yankees, to make Clarksdale the spring training grounds for the team. Pamphlets giving information to show the advantages this city could offer as training grounds were also sent to Mr. Barrow.

TIPTONVILLE WINS.

TIPTONVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 25.—The Troy boys' basketball team claiming the championship of West Tennessee, was defeated yesterday by the locals by a score of 13 to 11 in a very hard fought game. After the game the Troy boys admitted they were outclassed at every stage of the game, the local boys running goals at critical times. This is the first defeat for Troy this year. However, they had not played the locals before yesterday, but the same teams will meet at Troy some time next week and a very fast game is promised. The Tiptonville boys have sent out challenges to all parts of the country and quite a few games are expected by their challenge.

OKLAHOMA CHAMPION.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 26.—Oklahoma university today was 1920 champion of the Missouri Valley football conference by virtue of its victory over Drake yesterday at Des Moines. Oklahoma, the newest member of the conference, won all of its games but one and that resulted in a tie.

SHEEHAN STOPS KLECK.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Nov. 26.—Danny "Red" Sheehan, of Kansas City, knocked out Billy Kleck, of Fort Worth, Tex., in the first round of a scheduled 15-round bout here last night. The men are lightweights.

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